SENATE FILE NO. 175.]

[BY JOHNSON OF WINNESHIEK.

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 902, OF THE CODE OF 1873, IN RELATION TO LANDS SOLD FOR TAXES.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That section 902, of the Code of 1873, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: "And provided Iurther, that any person in actual possession of any real property sold for the non-payment of taxes, and claiming title either under the tax or fee title, may, after the expiration of five years from such sale, plead said statute of limitations as a good defense, and in bar of any action brought against him by any party claiming title under the fee or tax title adverse to said party in possession, whether said possession was acquired either before or after five

years from such sale; except in cases of minors, insane persons and convicts, as aforesaid."